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TO : Director of Central Intelligence

DATE: July 5, 1950

FROM : Assistant Director

Office of Reports & Estimates

SUBJECT: DCI Intelligence Directive for Psychological Intelligence

25X1A Attached hereto for your consideration and action is a memorandum from ██████████ Chairman of the Psychological Intelligence Committee, forwarding a proposed charter which members of that Committee, less the Department of State member, have agreed should be issued as an Intelligence Directive.

The Department of State has taken a position that the proposed charter does not itself constitute a definition of the subject matter with which it deals and believes that the Committee should be instructed to define its field of interest before further debate on a charter is continued.

It is my feeling that the position taken by the Department of State in this matter should be overruled for the following reasons:

a. It is not mandatory that a definition of psychological intelligence be agreed upon by the IAC agencies before this committee formally begins functioning, as witnessed by the fact that the Committee has already had seven meetings of great substantive interest in its general field without having felt the need for agreeing upon a definition;

b. As of May 1, all members of the Committee had agreed to the proposed charter with the exception of the Department of State member who finally, on June 14, stated that no charter should be agreed upon until a definition had been agreed to as to the meaning of psychological intelligence. Time being of the essence today when psychological operations are of increasing significance in our relations with the USSR, it would seem inadvisable to insist on a definition of psychological intelligence before agreeing on the broader aspects of the substantive work of the Committee;

c. NSC-43 and NSC-59/1 are basic documents dealing with psychological warfare within the federal government and yet it was not thought necessary to define psychological warfare in those papers but to leave the question of definitions to the

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working group discharging the functions enunciated in those papers;

d. Notwithstanding the issuance of NSC-43 on March 9, 1949, and of NSC-59/1 on March 10, 1950, there is as of today no accepted definition of psychological warfare within the terms of those papers although considerable time and effort have been spent in an attempt to arrive at such a definition. It is noteworthy, however, that considerable work has been accomplished pursuant to the provisions of NSC-59/1 notwithstanding this lack of definition of psychological warfare.

e. The Department of State apparently feels that the term psychological intelligence should be restrictive and related directly to the work of the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Organization established pursuant to NSC-59/1. It seems clear to me that the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence embrace a much broader concept of psychological intelligence than solely the narrow one of support for the NSC-59/1 organization, e.g., the interests and needs of the individual IAC agencies, such as those of the Navy or Air Force, while directly related to the work of IFIO, are nevertheless separate and distinct and must be regarded as such by the Director of Central Intelligence.

It must be noted that the Department of State representative in his letter of June 14, Paragraph 2, is apparently critical of the fact that the DCI's Committee has not yet considered the expressed intelligence needs of the JCS and IFIS in this field. Attached hereto are copies of each of the minutes of the meetings so far held by the Psychological Intelligence Committee wherein it is abundantly clear that a schedule has been followed of reviewing the psychological intelligence programs of the IAC agencies in turn, with the program of the CIA to be reviewed last. Since the request of the JCS and IFIS are a part of the CIA program it is quite clear that they will be discussed when the program of CIA is reviewed in general. This review will probably be on Thursday, July 6.

Attachments:

1. CRN memorandum with proposed charter. ** State Department comments.*
2. DCI's Psychological Intelligence Committee minutes for Conferences 1 through 9.

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